

OPPOSE Normandy/Twining Residential Tower Up-Zoning in Central Square

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City Clerk Agenda

To: City Council <CityCouncil@CambridgeMA.GOV>; Rebecca Sweetland <rebecca.sweetland@gmail.com>;

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Dear Cambridge City Council,

I am a long time resident and new home owner to Cambridge. My family and I live at 7 William St. We have heard about the proposed residential tower that is being voted on in tonight's city council meeting.

We have major concerns about this building and the impact to our Cambridge, specifically Central Square, community. We would like to see an OPPOSE vote to this proposal and up-zoning.

Major concerns:

- 1) Zoning - the building does not seem to fit with overall zoning of Central Square and the specific block it is located within
- 2) Affordable Housing - there is not nearly enough affordable housing in this project
- 3) Citywide Plan - we would also like to see a city wide plan on where and why major development will be occurring in Cambridge

We have seen an alternative proposal by Councilor Dennis Carlone which seems much more reasonable and better for the long term goals of the city and Central Square. It also would create a great new green space for the city to enjoy.

We bought a home in Cambridge because we want to invest in the future of this city and raise our children here. We don't believe the current plan in front of the City Council for the Normandy/Twining Residential Tower is the future we would like to see for Cambridge and Central Square.

Thank you,
Ryan Lester